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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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1. This communication is responsive to 5/3/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment

1. The amendment filed on 5/3/2005 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-17 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art does not teach the hybrid drive system as recited in claims 1 and 15-17, which include a short-time storage and a long-time storage device, wherein the short-time storage having a shorter power take-off time than the long-time storage. The power take-off time being the minimum time during which a certain fraction of a storage's nominal storage energy can be drawn from the storage. Wherein the short-time storage and the long-time storage are coupled by an electric valve such that, upon a supply of power to an electric machine during a boost operation. The electric machine is initially only supplied from the short-time storage rather than the long-time storage, thus resulting in a decrease of the voltage of the short-time storage, and that, when the boost operation requires so much energy that the voltage of the short-time storage equals or drops below the voltage of the long-time storage, the electric valve connects the short-time storage in parallel, thereby causing the subsequent supply of the electric machine during the boost operation to be made from both the short-time storage and the long-time storage, wherein the supply current from the long-time storage flows through the

electric valve. This recitation, in combination with the rest of the recited elements, clearly defines over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-6696. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christ Ellis can be reached on 571-272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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